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Everybody Reads “Evicted”

Library picks new community reading book

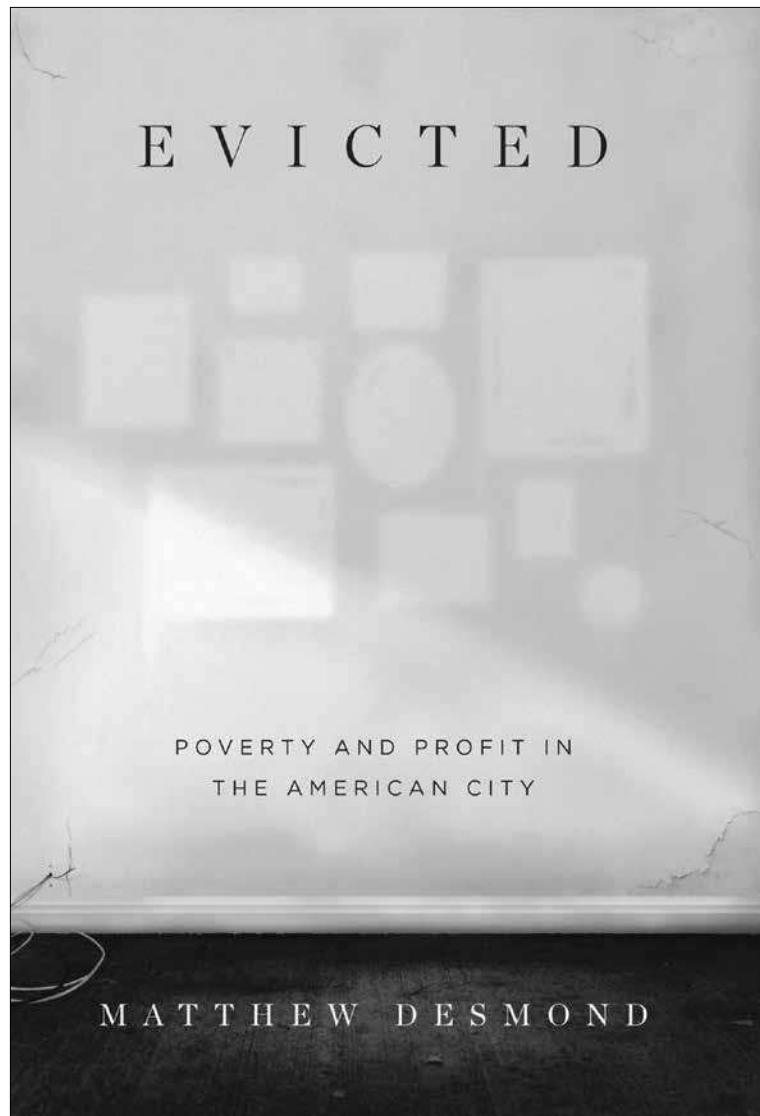
Next January, Multnomah County Library will launch Everybody Reads 2017, the library’s 15th annual community reading project, with Matthew Desmond’s *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.

Evicted is a heartbreaking book that takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee, Wis. to tell the story of tenants and landlords alike who are grappling with the circumstances of eviction.

“*Evicted* is a wrenching and candid look into issues that are so visible in our own community,” said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. “With this selection, the library and its partners hope to contribute to the critical and difficult conversations happening in our community around poverty, affordable housing and homelessness.”

Desmond is also the author of the award-winning book *On the Fireline*, coauthor of two books on race, and editor of a collection of studies on severe deprivation in America.

The library’s “Everybody Reads” program encourages a shared reading experience and community discussions will fol-



low in February where participants can learn from each other and promote greater understanding.

Extra copies of the books will be available in January at all neighborhood libraries, and

e-books will be downloadable from the library catalog, thanks to the generous support of The Library Foundation. Readers are encouraged to share extra copies with friends, coworkers and neighbors.



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